

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8-13, and 28-37 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated on page 10 of the Office Action that there is allowable subject matter in the case, namely, with respect to claims 5, 15, and 26 which were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the features of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant has set forth these claims in independent form. Claim 5 now appears as new claim 32. Claim 15, which referred to more than one claim, is represented by the new claims 33-36. Claim 26 is represented by new claim 37.

The claims are fully supported by the specification and no new matter has been introduced.

In addition, the dependencies of claims 8-13 and 28-31 have been changed to depend from allowable claim 32. Accordingly, allowance of claims 8-13 and 28-31 is respectfully requested.

Applicant has also addressed the §112 rejection and, in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion on page 2 of the Office Action, has provided the antecedent basis so that the claim refers to a "hash code table".

For the above reasons, reconsideration and a withdrawal of the objections and rejections is hereby respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and remarks.

If further matters remain in connection with this action, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned representative to resolve them.

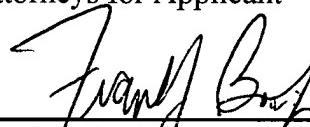
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If necessary, an appropriate extension of time to respond is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Patent Office Deposit Account No. 05-0208.

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